



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**

Lt. Aaron Robins
Sgt. Garth Brooks
P.O. Ronald Griffin
P.O. Dwight Featherstone

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Herbert Moreland
DC Jamie Fields
Cmdr. Dwayne McKissic
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Joseph White
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Herbert Myles
Lt. David Levalley
Sgt. Gayle Smith
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
P.O. Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Sandra Long, Investigator
Roslyn Banks, Investigator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Ron Scott
Orilia Brown

Tijuana Morris
Marc Deldin
Julie Semma

RECORDERS

P.O. Terence Bell
P.O. Robert Gibson
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:22 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, June 25, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, June 18, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

25
48% Decrease

Year to Date

740
6% Decrease

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

48
784

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,177** active investigations, of which **529** of those are for 2009. A total of **835** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 06/25/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	10TH PRECINCT		1								1
2	12TH PRECINCT		2								2
1	CENTRAL						1				1
6	COMMUNICATIONS		5				1			4	10
1	CRIME ANALYSIS*		1				1				2
1	EASTERN		1				1				2
3	NORTHEASTERN		2				3			2	7
4	NORTHWESTERN		2				3		1	1	7
1	SEX CRIME		1								1
2	SOUTHWESTERN			2			2		1		5
2	TACTICAL SERVICES		1	1							2
2	Unknown Command*	1		2	1		1				5
26	*1 CCR Multiple Alleg.	1	18	4	0	0	13	0	2	7	45

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, July 2, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. Suite 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On June 19, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 15000 block of Kentfield and arrested a subject responsible for an assault. The subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with "Assault With Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder, Felonious Assault, and Domestic Violence.

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations- Monday -Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Twelfth Precinct

On June 20, 2009, officers of the Twelfth Precinct responded to the 15000 block of Alden on "Shots Fired." Due to the officers quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Reckless Discharge." Several weapons were recovered.



Northeastern District

On June 20, 2009, while on patrol in the area of Emery and Revere, officers of the Northeastern District observed a vehicle disregard a traffic control signal and initiated a traffic stop. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Advisory." A weapon was recovered.



Eastern District

On June 19, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 14000 block of East Warren on a "Robbery" in progress. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Rob Unarmed, Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm, and Habitual 2nd."



Southwestern District

On June 17, 2009, while on patrol in the area of Edsel and Gleason, officers of the Southwestern District observed subjects consuming alcoholic beverages in the view of the public. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felon in Possession, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 2nd." A handgun was recovered.

Chairperson Holley stated it seems like the fireworks was very successful and he thanked everyone for their participation.

AC Fleming stated it was a job well done by the women and men in blue. He introduced Cmdr. McKissic and Cmdr. White of Training Center.

Cmdr. McKissic gave an overview of the operation of the Training Center that includes the Youth Academy.

Cmdr. White gave an overview of the in-service training of the Training Center.

SEE ATTACHMENTS

Chairperson Holley asked what percentage of teens from the youth academy become police officers.

Cmdr. McKissic stated this is the first year for this program, but there are others such as the Explorers. The primary focus for this program was to prepare them to become model citizens.

Chairperson Holley asked will this be an on-going program.

Cmdr. McKissic stated yes and there is another class scheduled for August 17-28 of this year.

AC Fleming asked Cmdr. McKissic to speak on the other two new classes that will be starting soon.

Cmdr. McKissic stated the community relations section will be starting Arabic and a Spanish Citizens Academy. Dates will be provided later.

Chairperson Holley asked if the emphasis was on the department or the citizens.

Cmdr. McKissic stated a part of it is on how the department can have better relationship(s) with the citizens.

Comm. Rivera asked is this program a prerequisite of a Cadet.

Cmdr. McKissic stated no.

Comm. Rivera stated a youth could leave this program and become a Cadet.

Cmdr. McKissic stated yes, once they become 18 years of age.

Comm. Griffin stated he was the keynote speaker and he was very impressed with the youths. He stated more of the dialogue with youth needs to be done and to get other youth involved as well. He would like to see a structure forum to help discuss some of the issues the youth are facing. He stated there is a concern that the department is becoming paramilitary. But in all this was a community effort from both citizens and police and they need to be recognized.

Cmdr. McKissic stated there will be some meritorious awards forthcoming for all who participated.

Chairperson Holley asked other than Detroit, how many cities recruit 18-year olds to become officers. He asked is that part of the contract or something that this Board has a say so to.

He asked is the department satisfied with an officer who isn't required to have continuing education.

Cmdr. White stated this is a key component for the department members, and the department is doing a lot of things to get members to seek a higher education.

Lt. LeValley stated the department entered into an agreement with Davenport University that will give officers 30 credit hours for passing the academy toward a degree. They will also offer tuition reduction for those who sign up.

The department is also having talks with Eastern Michigan University for a similar program.

Chairperson Holley asked if there is something in the bargaining agreement that doesn't require an officer to seek a higher education.

Cmdr. White stated yes, but individuals that are being hired now are much more educated.

He stated in regards to the 18 year olds, the department tries to get them when they are young through guidance, and as of now, the department doesn't have a lot of 18 year olds because of some challenges.

Chairperson Holley stated this Board just wants to be helpful and doesn't think that a police officer should be on the job for 30 years with the same education level that they came in with. He stated there needs to be more incentives for this and for residency.

Cmdr. White stated the last two issues are collective bargaining issues with the unions.

Comm. Griffin stated that all of the officers are given simulation training in regards to lethal force. What happens between the simulation and the time the officers go out on the streets, because shootings are getting higher. As it pertains to training, how can the department resolve some of these issues?

Cmdr. White stated the department has a needs assessment in place and a group of members from the department meet with officers of the department to discuss and see what training they may need.

Comm. Griffin stated he would like for those “watch persons” in the community to be included in the needs analysis. He stated that this Board will be publishing a quarterly report that will go to City Council and the Mayor covering issues such as citizen’s complaints.

Cmdr. White stated in regards to the higher number of shootings, he will have to look at the numbers to give him a valid answer.

Chairperson Holley stated in regards to the citizens complaints, how can this information be shared and used in training.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated all of the complaints are available to the department for more than five (5) years through their MAS System or upon request.

Chairperson Holley stated he would like for them to be given that information instead of requesting it.

Comm. Rivera stated many of the complaints by the citizens are for demeanor. She asked how do we get that information to training for the new recruits.

AC Fleming stated doesn’t part of the training deals with a person telling you how to deal with these issues.

DC Fields stated yes, the lesson plans were developed around these complaints and they do real-life scenarios to train the officers.

Comm. Rivera stated after five or six years on the job, this needs to be re-emphasized

Chairperson Holley stated he hopes the dialogue has been helpful to everyone.

AC Fleming stated they have been meeting with the Department of Justice and they have given the Training Center excellent reviews and thanked Cmdr. White and Cmdr. McKissic.

Chairperson Holley stated those reviews need to be part of their next presentation.

He asked how many citizens attended last night's fireworks.

AC Fleming stated the media reported between a million and million and a half.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Holley asked for special privileges from the Board:

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to nominate Comm. Griffin Chairperson and Comm. Okdie Vice-Chair from July 2, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera stated it was brought to this Board's attention that Chairperson Holley received an award and asked him to elaborate on it.

Chairperson Holley stated he received a Humanitarian Award from the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America in Houston Texas.

Comm. Griffin stated Rev. Holley took this position because he cares for the people and the city and stated that he deserves a standing ovation for the time he has served on this Board.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 2, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

T. Morris stated to Chairperson Holley that he has done a fabulous job and the recognition is well-earned.

O. Brown stated she had several incidents with officers and they need to be retrained and become more professional. She asked how much training do the officers receive.

AC Fleming asked for Ms. Brown to provide his staff with the names and badge numbers of those officers.

Lt. LeValley stated 40 hours block of instructions.

Chairperson Holley stated how often is the training given.

Lt. LeValley stated this is given every year.

G. Washington stated he has been harassed by police officers.

AC Fleming asked for Mr. Washington to speak with Cmdr. Bettison.

E. Moore congratulated Chairperson Holley and hopes that the rest of the Commissioners continue to carry that same passion for the citizens of Detroit.

R. Scott also congratulated Chairperson Holley, and when a new search is made for a replacement the Mayor needs to be abreast on the power that this Board has and be given more when the Charter is revised.

He has had discussion about being a part of the training process because he was a part of it under the last administration.

J. Semma asked is there a law that states if the city hasn't paid you within a year then they don't have to pay you.

AC Fleming stated he isn't aware of such law.

J. Semma she submitted invoices to Roland Clark.

AC Fleming asked her to give him a copy of the bills and he would look into it.

J. Semma asked if the department had the numbers of tows from last night.

AC Fleming asked her to call him and he will give her those numbers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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